

REMARKS

Claims 2-10 are pending. Claims 2 and 10 are independent. By this Amendment, claims 4, 6, 7 and 10 have been amended and claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of this Application, as amended, is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 4/1 and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 Y=USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 4,878,427 to Waschynsky et al. ("Waschynsky") in view of U.S. Patent 6,318,257 to Niemiro et al. ("Niemiro"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is moot with respect to claim 1, which has been canceled without prejudice. The rejection is also moot with respect to claim 4/1 and 6-9, because claim 4 no longer depends from claim 1 (which has been canceled), and because claims 6-9 no longer depend from claim 1 (which has been canceled).

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 2, which has been allowed, and claims 8 and 9 depend indirectly from claim 2, which has been allowed. Accordingly, Claims 6-9 are allowable based on the fact that they depend from allowed claim 2.

With respect to claim 10, claim 10 has been amended to further recite: wherein the fixation means comprise two rods which, at an upwardly directed end, are provided with a hook, the two hooks, on opposite sides of the plate cylinder, engaging the stationary shaft of the plate cylinder assembly when the plate cylinder assembly is in the operative position, while on the two

rods a pull force is exerted for pressing the plate cylinder assembly into the receiving units. By this Amendment, claim 10 includes a hook feature of allowed claim 2, which is indicated as distinguishing claim 2 from the prior art, on page 2 of the Office Action dated November 3, 2008. Thus, claim 10, as amended, clearly patentably defines over the applied prior art.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 3, 4/2, 4/3 and 5.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final, in that it raises no new issues but merely places the claims in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46, 472, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.


Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.136 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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